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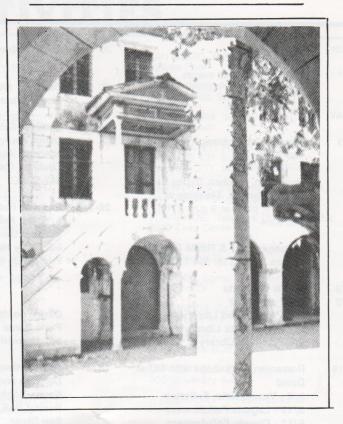
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8/2-7 International Dance & Music Camp, Montreal. (514) 481-3867

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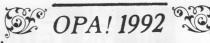


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FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL 47th Annual Statewide, May 22-25, 1992

The Folk Dance Federation of California will hold their 47th annual Statewide Folk Dance convention at the Dublin High School Complex, Village Parkway and Brighton Ave., in Dublin, CA. This convention marks the 50th anniversary of the Folk Dance Federation of California, Inc. (North) and the 10th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Dublin. Special activities are combined in conjunction with the city. Festivities begin 8 p.m. on Friday, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, at 2 p.m. on Sunday, and at 11 a.m. on Monday. Registration begins at 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. Saturday at the Dublin High School Complex.

Friday's activities begin in the Dublin High School Gym with an opening party and 50th anniversary reception from 8-11 p.m., both hosted by the Berkeley Folk Dancers.

Saturday begins with a dance institute at the Gym, from 1-4 p.m. Dances from Ireland taught by Larry Lynch of San Francisco and dances of Croatia taught by Billy Burke of Glendale will be featured. nationality Costume parade will be at 7 p.m., followed by a grand march. Dancing begins at 8 p.m. in the gym, and a Balkan party starts at 9 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. The afterparty in the Gymnastics section of the Gym goes from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m., and features live music and light refreshments.

Sunday's big event is a Concert of International Folk Dancing, held from 2-4 p.m. in the Dublin High School Theatre. 10 exhibition groups are slated to perform. This is followed by the Golden Anniversary Installation Banquet of Federation Officers at the headquarter's hotel, the Howard Johnson's Hotel. Dinner dance music

is available from 5-5:30 p.m. and the banquet goes from 5-7 p.m. At 8 p.m., international dancing resumes in the Gym, and Scandinavian dancing begins in the Multipurpose Room. The afterparty goes from 11 p.m.-12:30 a.m.

From 11 a.m.-12:30 pm on Monday, there will be a Country Western dance institute taught by Charlotte Skeeter and Neil Hale of Boots and Buckles, followed by a barbecue and a Country Western dance exhibition by Boots and Buckles. Folk dancing follows.

30 overnight dry RV parking spaces are reserved for this event at Howard Johnson's Hotel in Dublin. Advance registration closes 5/10/92. Registration forms and information on transportation to Dublin from Oakland San Francisco International Airport are available from Genevieve Periera at the Folk Dance Federation of California, Inc., 1020 "B" St., Ste. 2, Hayward, CA 94541. For more info, contact Millie vonKonsky at (510) 828-5976.

BEGINNER'S FESTIVAL

The Beginner's Festival on March 22, 1992 in Long Beach, cosponsored by Narodni Folk Dancers and the Federation, was a huge success. There were close to 200 people in attendance, many of them younger dancers. A lively program was provided, and five new dances were taught, keeping the excitement and interest level high.

This was the first time a Federation club has co-sponsored a beginner festival, but it went so well that it will become the standard for future festivals. Thanks to Narodni for providing this festival and establishing the precedent.

BEGINNER'S CLASSES

Federation is attempting to increase

the attendance at beginner's classes. To that end, there will be publicity at libraries and recreation centers. We are also looking at distributing information to groups such as teachers, engineers, doctors, scout groups, etc. If you have any ideas as to how to do this, or if you are willing to do some of the distribution, please contact the Beginner's Chairman, Jay Michtom, at 10824 Crebs Ave., Northridge, CA 91326, (818) 368-1957.

MONTREAL INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE CAMP (MIFDC)

The Montreal International Folk Dance Camp (MIFDC) is now in its 8th successful year of bringing together the best possible teachers with a most enthusiastic group of international folk dancers.

This summer, the staff is comprised of a group of specialists who not only excel in their teaching but also create an atmosphere of warmth and camaraderie.

Bianca de Jong will present exciting new Bulgarian material, Joe Grasiosi presents Greek dances from the many, diverse regions of that country, Moshiko Halevy will present Israeli and Yemenite dances in his unique style, Ahmet Luleci presents dances from his native Turkey, and Steve Csillag, founder/director of the camp rounds out the program by teaching from his vast repertoire of international and novelty dances.

Camp commences with a getacquainted party on Sunday, August 2 and concludes Friday afternoon, August 7. There are 4 teaching sessions daily - 2 in the morning and two in the afternoon. Two classes run concurrently for each session at the beginning and intermediate-advanced levels. Evening parties are programmed and hosted by guest teachers from various international groups around Canada and the USA.

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MIFDC is located at John Abbott College in St. Anne de Bellevue. This picturesque town on the shores of Lake St. Louis is just a 20-minute drive from the cosmopolitan city of Montreal.

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or call: (514) 481-3867 (very late evenings)

The SANTA BARBARA FOLK DANCE SYMPOSIUM

The University of California, Santa Barbara, International Dance Symposium welcomes its 17th year this Sept. 2-7 with well-known teaching specialists and professional musicians. Director, Tom Bozigian, is very excited to announce the exclusive teaching engagement of Bulgarian Pirin Ensemble soloist/choreographer, Ventsi Sotirov, at the Symposium. Recommended highly by Atanas Kolarovski, Sotirov is a native of Sandanski, Pirin-Macedonian region, Bulgaria. The top male dancer from the national ensemble located in Blagoevgrad, his fluid dancing and unique teaching style has been an inspiration to students worldwide. He is a graduate of the Durzhavno National Choreograpic School and travelled with Pirin from 1981 to 1991. The Symposium marks his West Coast debut. Another first this year, the Symposium is proud to welcome the Argentino Tango dance/teacher team of Alberto Toledano and Loreen Arbus. Returning after a long absence is Romanian national Ensemble dancer, Mihai David, who co-founded the Symposium. Back by popular demand will be Balkan dance specialist, Michael Ginsburg, with his trumpet. Director, Tom Bozigian, will introduce new Armenian and Lebanese dances he presented in his recent tour of Japan. Assisting in the production of the Symposium is Sheree King, Director of Dance at Long Beach City College.

The University of California, Santa Barbara, is a world-renowned conference center located on the Central California coast overlooking the Pacific Ocean. The facilities are excellent with single and double rooms, 3 daily meals and a campus that adds a beautiful touch to the 6-day stay. And the city of Santa Barbara is worth the 20-minute drive for sightseeing during breaks from our dance activities.

The activities are full and varied. All classes are held during the morning or early evening hours on wood floors, with dance material taught for all levels of dancers. Each day a folklore presentation is given by one of our teachers and each has a table at the Folkshoppe where records, cassettes and other items are offered.

Two separate picnics at campus and beach locations have been traditional since the Symposium's inception in 1975. The affairs draw people from a variety of ethnic backgrounds and feature songs and dances from the Balkans and the Middle East.

PARTNER DANCE CLASS

Beverly and Irwin Barr continue their "Partner Dance Class", a fun evening of all couple dances for singles AND couples. The class is held on the 4th and 5th Wednesdays of each month from 8-10:30 p.m. at Brockton School, 1309 Armacost in W.L.A. Come with or without a partner! Old and new

international couple dances are being taught. For more info, call (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659. Note: There will be no 5th Wednesday class in July.

4th on the SLAB Folkdancing at Lincoln Park in Santa Monica

Get ready for a fun day of dancing outdoors at Lincoln Park in Santa Monica (Lincoln & Wilshire Blvds.). Dancing is from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., led by Beverly and Irwin Barr.

The Folkdance Federation of California, South, sponsors this annual event. West Los Angeles Folkdancers and Crestwood Folkdancers are the host clubs.

Don't forget, this is on Saturday, July 4th!! For info, call Beverly Barr at (310) 202-6166 or (310) 478-4659.

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For all of these reasons, peoples of the world ritualize marriage, expressing the utilitarian relationship of marriage in symbolic ways. Though many of the aspects of marriage are included in wedding ceremonies world-wide, individual cultures tend to emphasize those most central to their set of beliefs. Included in the marriage ritual cycle are symbols that point to the inherent conflicts of a marriage - ritualized or stylized expressions of grief, conflict or hostility are part of the wedding cycle in many cultures. This is especially so in cultures where the bride must leave her home and move in with his family, under the "power" of her new mother-in-law and husband, where she must learn to fill a new role.

Regardless of the culture, song, music and dance express and magnify the social realities of marriage. Examples of this can be found in the following articles in this issue.

A WINDOW INTO YESTERIDAY

THE TRADITIONAL WEDDING

n Soho, N. Greece (nearThessaloniki) the wedding is a key rite of passage through which the bride and groom acquire full adult status in the community. It also serves to cement gender roles and sexuality in ways aimed at the reproduction of the family, community and state. The dance focuses on the social identity and roles of those involved. In Sohoian society, males are ideally aggressive and selfassertive while females are vulnerable and socially passive. Dances throughout the wedding cycle use conventional movements and postures to emphasize those ideals.

Characteristically, the Sohoian wedding cycle has several sections. As a prelude to the cycle, the formal encounters between the bride's and groom's family begin on the Friday night before the wedding. At that time, the groom's female relatives visit the bride's home to look over her trousseau and wedding gifts.

Patinadha

The "official" cycle starts early Saturday when the grooms party sets off to deliver the bridal gown to the bride's house. This ritual within a ritual begins with a circle dance done at the groom's home, dominated by married women and girls. After about 30 minutes of this

dance, the entire group (minus the married women) moves out into the street to form a procession (patinadha) to the bride's home. The patinadha always includes musicians (the drummer and one or two zurna players), with the daulia (drummer) "beating out the joy of the groom's party for all the village to hear". After the group has moved into the streets, leadership switches over to the young men of the party. Out in public, the group serves as a proxy for the groom in ritualized encounters with the community and the bride's family. They exhibit all of the ideals of "masculinity", taking over the public roads en route to the bride's house, treating all who come out to watch the procession with ouzo (while, of course, nipping at it themselves) and interacting in a "masculine way" with the daulia.

The gesture of offering ouzo to the spectators is an example of *kerasma*, which roughly translates to mean largesse or unmotivated generosity. *Kerasma* by its very nature puts the recipient in a position of lesser power and, since it is considered an insult to refuse *kerasma*, concurrently gives the youths in the *patinadha* a kind of power over the villagers.

"Masculinity" is also shown in the relation of the group to the *daulia*. Any male in the procession can "order" any song he likes and, in doing so, acts towards the drummer as if he were an object (something like putting a quarter in the jukebox and selecting a tune?). The man that ordered up the song moves to the "first" position in line and the drummer plays to him, taking cues on tempo and rhythm from this man. As such, this embodies the masculine ideal by putting the dancer in the stronger position. The dancers do not pay the *daulia* to play. Rather, they throw bills on the ground before or after the dance as "gifts", again putting the drummer in a less powerful position. The abundance of bills (or lack of it) is associated more with the giver than the recipient and serves to increase the prestige of the giver.

Once the procession has reached the bride's home, she is given the bridal dress to put on. She then comes to the courtyard where she is "danced" by all of the members of the groom's party.

Throughout this entire procession, the bride passively stays at home, awaiting the arrival of the groom's party. She is not permitted to be seen on the public streets for the entire week prior to her wedding. In an exception to this stricture, she is escorted by her female friends and relatives to a pre-wedding party (ghlendi) held later on that same Saturday evening. At the party, the groom's party is offered kerasma, and the daulia plays circle dances. All of the principal representatives of the groom "dance the bride" at this time. After this party breaks up, the bride and groom go to their respective homes and hold separate celebrations.

OF NORTHERN GREECE

The gesture of offering ouzo to the spectators is an example of kerasma

Kerasma roughly translates to mean largesse or umnotivated generosity and it puts the recipient in a position of lesser power.

Trousseau Collection and Patinadha

Late on the following (Sunday) morning, the groom's party sets out on a second procession to the bride's house. This time they are to collect the bride's trousseau and deliver it to the groom's house. The bride, meantime, passively observes the goings on while seated at her balcony.

The groom's party enters the courtyard of the bride's home (all pretty drunk and demanding), and takes up all of the available dance space. The daulia is positioned off to the side and plays laments to mark the upcoming transition in the bride's life, as well as other sad songs of death and exile. While all of this is going on, the bride's family decorates a truck that will carry her trousseau, and the groom's party loads it. Often, in the loading process, someone will try to steal something from the trousseau (in yet another allusion to the groom's conquest of the bride?). Once the truck has been decorated and loaded, the bride's family tries to get the groom's party to leave. The youths refuse to be rushed, asserting their power once again, in this instance, over time.

When the groom's party and trousseau-laden truck return to the groom's house, all partake of a midday

meal. Then the groom is ritually shaved to the accompaniment of the *daulia*, who plays sad songs about how the groom is being forced to leave his mother for his wife.

The Wedding

Following the shaving ritual, the groom's party returns to the bride's home - this time to collect the bride and bring her to the church in a final procession.

Again in a passive role, the bride waits at her house for the groom's party to arrive. When they do, a young boy brings her a pair of white shoes (to be stuffed with money until they 'fit properly') and a bouquet. This done, she moves to the threshold of her house, tearing up a bread ring and scattering its pieces amongst her girlfriends. She is then led out into the courtyard, preceded by her father who pours a glass of wine on the ground in front of her and sprinkles rice behind her.

The patinadha to the church begins with the bride in front, just behind the musicians, and the groom in back. In the church, the actual ceremony takes about 45 minutes. At its conclusion, the bride, groom, both sets of parents, and the kumbaros (wedding sponsors) retreat to the church entrance where they accept gifts of money from the guests as they leave the church.

The last event of the wedding is the "dancing of the bride" in the church courtyard. By custom, the dancing begins with the *kumbaros* taking the hand of the bride who, in turn, holds the grooms hand. The *kumbaros* then leads the couple in a slow dance (*kalamatianos*) around in a counterclockwise circle three times. In a final ritual, again symbolic of the bride's passivity, the bride is "danced" by all who attended the wedding.

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Perhaps a better description of the wedding procedures is in the following in and a married girl from Soho.

Jane: We'll talk about your wedding. What happened?

Kiki: At my wedding? We started on the Monday, here in Sohos, the wedding s to Sunday, when the bride goes to the church. We, on Monday, hang out ready from before, ironed, washed. We hung it up in my house. Later invitations. We had them printed in Thessaloniki, what time the service w envelope. I gave them to a young cousin, and told him to pass them out t groom handed out his own invitations, to his own relatives and friends. Of brought over gifts, friends, and relatives. On Friday evening, the groom's r bride's trousseau. The mother-in-law, sister-in-law friends, from the groor at these things.

Jane: The bride, what does she do?

Kiki: Nothing. She sits in the room.

Jane: Doesn't she give something?

Kiki: We offer a treat, a sweet. Either I or someone else. it's not absolutely re kerasma. They come and look at the trousseau, and they steal something doormat, and they take it to the groom's to show what they've got. Frow Without my noticing - they told me the next day.

Jane: Is this a custom?

Kiki: Yes, a custom (ena ethimo), to steal something from the bride so that the gr it. They saw the trousseau, and then they left. Later, on Saturday morning food for the celebration (ghlendi). The bride has a celebration, and the gr years, we did the celebration in the house, but now, since lots of people go can't contain them, we do it at rented halls (kendra). At noon, the groom (daulia) at his house, and in the afternoon, he brings the ruba. That's when and slippers into a wide flat pan. They go, dressed up - all except the grooto "dance the bride".

Jane: They did that for you?

Kiki: Yes, they came, and I wore the dress we call the Savvatiano. They came i down with your parents - to the dance. Later, the relatives of the groom ta dance for two or three hours, then they leave behind the bridal gown, and back upstairs, and then go to the kendro. All the relatives gather there, a go to the kendro, we take down the trousseau. We have a big trunk. We thi girls sing. If there are young girls. We put linens - sheets, pillowcases, an because the blankets will be laid out on the truck. And then we celebrate u next day, the bride gets ready. About 11, the daulia come to take the trou balcony and watches. The relatives take her trousseau and arrange everyth look nice, and the gifts, glass things, are loaded. And then they leave, day trousseau to the house. On the truck go relatives of the bride, and when the they say, "Give us a gift and we'll give you the trousseau. And he gives then the truck, and put everything in the groom's house. Then the groom is sha they cry: the mother, the brothers and sisters. They throw money in a tow afternoon, they went with the daulia to get the kumbaros. He lived far from The groom came up to us with a jug of wine, he treated all the relatives. the kumbaros went in and put the shoes on her.

Jane: What happens with the shoes?

erview between Jane Cowan

arts on Monday and it goes the trousseau. We'd had it on Thursday, we gave out uld be, and it was put in an friends, relatives. And the Thursday afternoon, people latives come over to see the 's side. They come and look

uired that the bride do the from it. A table covering, a m me, they got a doormat.

oom will give them a gift for we got up and prepared the bom's is separate. In those o the weddings, and houses takes musical instruments they put the wedding dress n, who stays home - they go

r me, I went down - you go te you and "dance" you. We ney leave. After this, we go id celebrate. But before we w in rice and coins, and the such things - in the trunk, til 5, 6 in the morning. The seau. The bride sits on the ng on the truck so that they cing in the road, taking the ey get to the groom's house, some money, so they unload ed, and everyone sings, and el which is set there. In the us. Then they came to us. he bride was inside a room,



Kiki: On the bottom of the shoes we write the names of five to six single girls, and whichever one is "wiped out" first will be the first to marry. But at my wedding we didn't do that. After that, the *kumbaros* goes down the stairway, she makes the sign of the cross and - we'd make these large rings of bread - the bride throws pieces of them from the stairs. The single girls take these and put them under their pillows. Then, they took me to the church with the *daulia*. The whole ritual with the crowning took place; we went outside, we danced.

Jane: How did you dance? In some order?

Kiki: Sure, there's an order, the bride with the groom and the *kumbaros*, and afterward friends, whoever wants to, to join in, but we only dance *kalamatianos*. Just that dance.

Jane: Why only that?

Kiki: Because only that is appropriate for the bride. What is she going to dance, tsifte teli? Zebekia? At that moment, only kalamatianos is appropriate, and another dance, the sighanos, an old dance. The father-in-law, mother-in-law, bride, groom, kumbaros dance, they give "gifts of money" to the daulia and afterward, they take their cars and leave. That's it, it's over. Afterward, we went to Thessaloniki to get our photographs taken, and we stayed in a hotel that night. The next day, we left for a week in Athens. But in those days, we did it very differently - there was much more work, more hassle. My wedding, that's what it was like. Now, my mother-in-law will tell you other things.

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To Touch or Not to Touch, That is the Question...

Jewish weddings - a broad subject covering the ceremonies of a people spread all over the globe, with wedding rituals unimaginably rich and varied.

In around 70 C.D., the independent Jewish state was destroyed by the Romans. The survivors dispersed all over the Roman Empire. Two main waves of emigration occurred - one to what is now central and Eastern Europe (the Ashkenazim) and the other to Spain and Portugal (the Sephardim). The former remained a separate group, primarily, while the latter blended in more with the local host cultures. Though retain their essential Jewishness, each group developed its own interpretations of customs surrounding all of the major milestones of life, including wedding rituals. Then, through time, geographic separation, and different religious leadership, the two main groups separated in

subgroups, each again with its own interpretation of ritual ceremonies.

Common to all Jewish wedding is obedience to the *mitzvah* (commandment) that one must dance at a Jewish wedding. Guests of all ages and all social strata dance. Even the old have specific dance roles in Yemenite Jewish weddings, and in Eastern Europe, the town beggars and cripples were invited to weddings and required to dance.

Also embedded in Jewish law is the commandment to show modesty while dancing. Interpretation of this commandment has led to a number of solutions to the problem, "How does one dance with the bride?" If there is to be no direct physical contact between

the sexes on social occasions (especially amongst the orthodox), is contact while dancing allowed at weddings? How can the obligatory religious *mitzvah* of dancing with the bride be fulfilled?

Answers to these questions, and solutions to the problem implicit in the questions, have been many and varied. In Eastern Europe, the use of a handkerchief as a substitute for actual skin-to-skin contact became the universal solution. An example of this can be found amongst the Hasidic Jews of the 18th and 19th centuries. Rabbi Motali (1770-1835) was said to hold the corner of his handkerchief and give the other to the bride. He would then proceed to dance with her for over an hour, continuing alone if she stopped from fatigue. In another Hasidic court, it was customary for the groom to go to the bride's house on the evening before the ceremony. There he would give her a white handkerchief and they would do the *mitsve-tants* (the obligatory dance with the bride). Other guests at the wedding would be separated by sex, going into different rooms to eat and dance tegether.

Over time, this practice led to the evolution of one dance repertoire for men and another for women. The women showed preference for choreographed couple and group dances while the men preferred improvised solo dances where they could show off their skill, strength and stamina.

In Western Europe, several variations of the handkerchief hold developed. There were groups that allowed skin-to-skin contact with the bride, presumably that the modesty deciding commandment did not include weddings. In others, only young, unmarried girls were allowed to dance with men. Rabbi Yohanan Luria of Alsace, in the 15th century said, ".....It is only proper for the young, unmarried women who are singing before the bride to be among the men....Through dance and song, the eligible women might find a way to endear themselves to the men." In still other areas, men and women were permitted to dance together if one or both of the partners wore gloves.

Yemenite Wedding Dances

The peoples of Yemen seem to have solved the problem of modesty while dancing at weddings by simply ignoring it. Dances done in the Yemenite Jewish weddings of all 5 Yemenite cultural regions are specifically wedding dances. they Rather, represent Yemenite Jewish dance repertoire of the village in which the wedding takes place. In Midrach Oz, dance repertoires delineated within age and gender subgroups (old men, old women, middle-aged men, middle-aged women, and youths).

Most of the events in the wedding cycle include music and dance, and each subgroup of people does the songs and dances appropriate to itself. The first

event in the ritual cycle is the *Al-qali*, a gathering where old and middle aged women prepare the snacks (roasted sunflower seeds and popcorn) to be consumed by members of the wedding party later in the cycle. Once the work is completed, the women sing and

dance together. On the Sabbath preceding the wedding ceremony, villagers visit the homes of both the bride and groom. At that time, the old men sing religious songs. After the Shabbat is over (Saturday evening), the villagers again visit the homes of the bride and groom. Each, wearing traditional dress, is led outside in a traditional wedding procession (zaffeh), complete with music. When the procession has ended, the old and middle-aged men retire to the main room of the house to sing and dance traditional songs and dances. The old and middle aged women do the same, in a different room. Much later, the youths of the village join the dancing and continue until the early hours of the morning.

The hinneh (henna evening) follows a zaffeh. All save the bride and the village women leave the room when an old woman enters carrying a bowl of henna covered by a brightly colored scarf. In this position of honor, the old woman then balances the bowl on her head and moves to the center of the room. Meanwhile, she sings improvised verses about henna, beauty, the bride, the mother and the family in general. All of the other women, except the bride, who is seated, form a circle around the old women and dance. The bowl is taken off of the old one's head and the henna powder is mixed with water and applied to the bride's fingertips. When this ceremony is finished, the room refills with middle aged and young people who dance late into the night.

Also included in the cycle is the *mazhareh*, a ritual in which the bride sits in traditional place of honor as the *mazhareh* (a floral arrangement decorated with egg shells) is being prepared by the old women of the village. During this preparation, the old women sing songs about the bride and her upcoming separation from her family. When the *mazhareh* preparation is complete, the old and middle sing and dance pieces from their traditional repertoire.

On the evening of the wedding ceremony itself, the dancing is dominated by the youth of the village. However, in the post-wedding celebration (on the Saturday evening following the wedding), the whole village dances, with each subgroup adhering to its own repertoire. The old men stick to traditional Yemenite dances, seriously performing a limited number of steps in a dignified, elegant and refined manner. The old women also have a limited dance step repertoire, tending to repeat the same movement pattern through an entire song. Singing, and the ability to improvise verses, is emphasized amongst the old women. The middle-aged men and women use many more steps and frequently order them in sections, each section becoming longer and faster than the one before. Emphasis in this group is placed on stamina, speed, light footedness, and the ability to dance with the entire body (rather than just with the feet and legs). The village youth know the greatest number of steps and perform them with uninhibited enthusiasm, throwing their entire bodies into the dance.

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"Claudia, do you have a good recipe for Baklava?"

That is probably the most frequently asked question that I hear from Scene readers. I have been asked so often that I think it's time to reveal where I get some of my recipes. Whenever possible, I try to get them from people who belong to that ethnic group, but when I'm unable to do so, I fall back on the Los Angeles Public Library System, particularly the Culver City branch, which has an excellent selection of ethnic and general cookbooks. Nearly every ethnic group is represented by a cookbook, or a selection of one, and most of the ones published in the U.S. during the past 30 years are available through the public library.

The second most asked question is, "do you actually test every recipe yourself?" Since I've been interested in ethnic cooking for 20 years, and so is nearly everyone else in my extended family, I've tried about 60% of the recipes that appear in the Scene. Like most experienced cooks, I can tell by reading a recipe if it will be any good. I also use recipes that have been tested by other people whose judgement I trust. Most experienced cooks don't follow recipes to the letter anyway, and use their own instincts and judgements. For those of you who need more guidance, here is a list of 5 "must have" cookbooks. This is not a "best of" list, and some of you might know of better books. These are simply my personal favorites which I use for inspiration.

Middle Eastern Cooking, Rose Dosti (HP Books 1982).

My battered copy of this cookbook is one of my prized possessions. A staff writer for the L.A. Times, Ms. Dosti covers the foods of North Africa, the Arab countries, Iran, Israel, Turkey, Greece, and Albania, in great detail. She includes regional variations of many recipes and a great deal of information about the cultures of these countries. Even if you don't cook, the wonderful anecdotes and excellent illustrations make this cookbook fun to read.

Central European Cooking, Round the World Cooking Library (Galahad Books, 1973).

After a general introduction to the cuisines of Switzerland, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Romania, this book intersperses brief anecdotes about food customs with recipes. There are more comprehensive cookbooks covering each of these countries, but the value of this books is that putting all of the recipes side by side, one can get a sense of how the cuisines of the entire region interrelate. Heavy on the meat and potato recipes. Great pastry and dessert section!

The Moosewood Trilogy (The Moosewood Cookbook, The Enchanted Broccoli Forest and Still Life with Menu), Mollie Katzen.

Although not intended to be an ethnic cookbook, this popular series of vegetarian cookbooks contains many ethnic recipes. Since the recipes delete meat products, they aren't always 100% authentic. However, if you're thinking of becoming

a vegetarian, or already are, and can't bear the thought of living without Moussaka, Kung Pao, or Pad Thai, these books are for you.

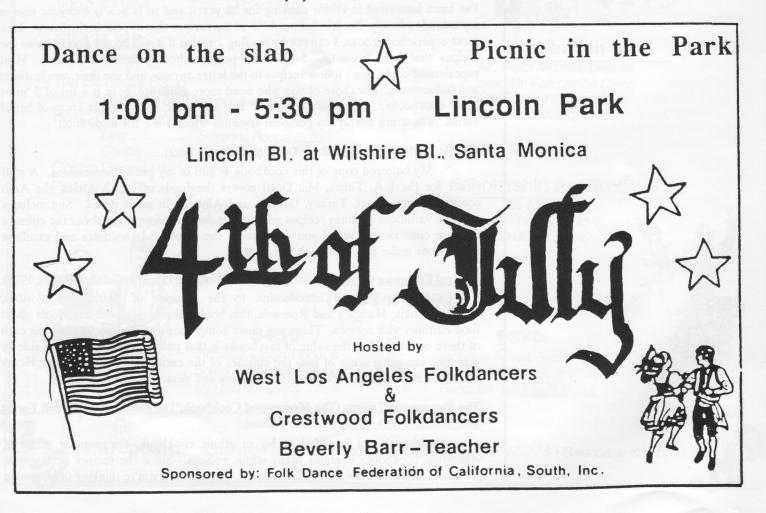
<u>The Compleat Asian Cookbook</u>, Charmaine Solomon (MacGraw-Hill Book Company, 1976).

This is the most comprehensive cookbook covering the countries of the Asian continent that I have seen. Ms. Solomon uses spices too sparingly for my taste, but as a native of Sri Lanka and former resident of many of the countries she covers, she is a reliable source of "homestyle" recipes. The China and Japan sections are covered better by other cookbooks, but this is one of the few sources of information on Burmese and Laotian cooking that I have seen.

<u>Turkish Cooking</u>, or the <u>Delectable Delights of Topkapi</u> and <u>The Delights of Turkish Cooking</u>, Neset Eren.

These are actually two editions of the same book. Both were published only in Turkey (in English). The first edition mentioned above is available in the Culver City branch of the Public Library. In addition to more wonderful recipes than you can probably prepare in your lifetime, it contains wonderful stories about the culinary misadventures of a wandering Imam. For the newer edition, you'll have to send someone to Turkey to get it (it wouldn't surprise me if it is available somewhere in the U.S.). There are other Turkish cookbooks available, but this is the only one that seems to have accurate measurements.

All of these cookbooks are still in print, or are available through the Public Library System.





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